

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Welcoming New Year.
Over the threshold a radiant new year,
Steph with tread that is royal to see,
White as the winter, rosy as summer,
Hope in his eyes, and with laugh ring-
ing free.
Lo! his hands there are gifts over-
flowing,
Promises, prophecies come in his train;
O'er him the dawn in its beauty is glow-
ing.
Banishing shadows of sorrow and pain,
Oh, welcome, New Year! with your stain-
less white pages,
Though we may blot them ere long
with our tears;
So it has been through the long passing
ages,
Worn with the footprints of close
crowding years.
Welcome, sweet year! may the full-hand-
ed hours
Find us like servants, trusty and true,
Using with earnest devotion our powers
To be worthy our Master and worthy
of you.
—Anonymous.

German Last Evening.
The second in its series of dances was given last evening by the Junior German Club at the Germania Club. The dances were very attractive and the Christmas decorations were exceedingly dainty. Mr. Hugh Ross, president of the club, led the German dancing with Miss Fannie Braxton Miller. The life, color and enjoyable informality contributed to make the dance a memorable event of the Christmas season.

Dance This Evening.
Young Richmond society, which has enjoyed every moment of the holiday season, is all agog again over a dance to be given at 8:30 o'clock this evening in the Germania Club. The dances will be led by Misses Lucy Ford Warrham and Fannie Braxton Miller. This dance will be an agreeable finish to a very gay week.

Deen Run Hunt Meet.
The Deen Run Hunt will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Brook Bridge. The following ladies will receive at the clubhouse at 4 o'clock: Mesdames Helene Blair, Greenville, Valentine, Scott, Partridge, Ashton, Starke, E. A. Saunders, Misses Mary Meredith, Alice Doyle, Mary Davenport, Mary Hickok, Elizabeth Atkinson and Mary Travers.

Surprise Party.
A delightful surprise party was given on Thursday evening last in honor of Mr. Ross C. Cosby, of No. 219 East Franklin Street, who is at home for the holidays from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Cosby was pleasantly surprised by a number of his young friends, but was not at all surprised to find that the guests were mostly young men and women, many of whom were Misses Lillian Chace, Louise Wells, Fannie Hawkins, Bessie Miles, Miss Giddin, Lella Clowes, Edna Plaph, Lila Pleasants, Margie Kewin, Joseph Walker, Moore, Lewis Davis, Walter Hughes, William French, Clayton Morris, Royal Jones, Henry Kelley, Hascove Cooley and Harry Simpson.

Memorial Service.
Every Richmond member of the organization of King's Daughters is urged to attend the service to be held in the Woman's Christian Association assembly hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bottoms, founder of the order, whose death occurred several weeks ago.

All the circles all over the land will meet at 4:30 o'clock to do honor to the woman whose faith and love was the means of upbuilding so great an organization, and who proved herself in very truth a King's daughter.

Personal Mention.
Miss Kathleen Brown is visiting Mrs. William McCarty Hamann, at "West-
over."

Miss Anne Roy Taylor, of Grove Avenue, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Mildred Taylor, who is at home for the holidays at New Kent Courthouse.

Mr. H. C. Chandler, of Newport News, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carter, of Brookland Park.

Miss Kate Harrison will hold her dancing class on Monday evening, from 8 to 12 o'clock.

Miss Alice Whiting Taylor, of Grove Avenue, is spending the holidays very delightfully with her father, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, at their home in Columbia, S.C.

Miss Elizabeth Neill, of Danville, is the guest of friends in this city.

Miss Lena Wyom, of Harrison, is visiting friends in Richmond.

Mr. Arthur Branch, of Richmond College, is the guest of friends in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson and Mrs. J. H. Pitts, of this city, are spending the holidays with Mr. T. H. Johnson, of Buffalo.

Mrs. George W. Mason is the guest of friends in this city.

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Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 1036.

The Frog.

By HILAIRE BELLOC.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Be kind and tender to the Frog,
And do not call him names,
As "Slimy-Skin," or "Polly-wog,"
Or likewise, "Uncle James."
Or "Gape-a-grin," or "Toad-gone-wrong,"
Or "Bilby-Bandy-knees";
The Frog is justly sensitive
To epithets like these.

No animal will more rarely
A treatment kind and fair,
At least, so lonely people say,
Who keep a frog (and, by the way,
They are extremely rare).

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her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Palen, of Newport News.

Mrs. Samuel S. Siler, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her father, Mr. Henry Meyer, of No. 510 East Clay Street.

Mrs. H. B. Smith, of "Horn Quarter," is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Theodore Page, on Argyle Street, this city.

Mr. L. C. Jeffers is spending the holidays with relatives at Bristol, Va.

Madame and Miss Guillaume, who have been with friends in Savannah, Ga., for the past week, will return to Richmond on Monday next.

Mr. A. Smith, of New York, who has been the guest of relatives in Albemarle county, Va., is now spending a few days with his mother and sister at No. 215 East Franklin Street.

Miss Bessie Ames, of Grove, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter C. Meyer, of No. 418 North Sixth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Myers, who have been spending some time at Annapolis, Va., have returned to Richmond.

Miss Nancy Selten, of No. 315 East Franklin Street, is receiving any amount of social attention during her holiday visit to Fredericksburg, Va.

Miss Maude Gunther, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray at No. 219 East Franklin Street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Eustleton and daughter are visiting Mrs. Rice, of Danville, Va.

The wedding of Miss Nancy Shackelford, of Gloucester county, to Mr. William Wallace MacNeill, of Newport News, Va., taking place on Thursday last, was an interesting and largely-attended event.

The Elliott-Cocke wedding taking place in University Chapel this evening, will doubtless be attended by a large Richmond party.

One of the pleasantest happenings of next week will be the veterans' Christmas tree, to be given at Lee Camp House, on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Neville Michaels are receiving the congratulations of their many friends at No. 323 East Franklin Street.

Little Miss Harmon, who accompanied her aunt, Miss Lucy Lloyd, to Richmond two weeks ago, and has been at St. Luke's Hospital since, is daily improving.

The Hermitage Club will hold its annual New Year's reception for members and their house guests at the club-house from 4:30 to 7 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

Oliver W. H. Chapman's wife and two daughters, Misses Katharine and Mary, will spend the winter months with him in the city, and have rented rooms at 31 East Franklin Street.

R. C. Thomas, a white man, did not have his shoe on when he appeared in Police Court yesterday. He told Justice Cuthbert that he had gone to the country to play for a dance, and that he had lost the shoe, and also his resolution to keep sober during the holidays.

"I don't care about the shoe being missing, but I am anxious about this resolution you made," spoke the monarch of the White Chateau. "Because you lost that I will send you to the Hotel de Ville for five days, and make you find it. I shall diligently and persistently, and never come here again."

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SPECIAL MUSIC TO BE REPEATED

Christmas Programs to Be Rehearsed in Many of the Churches To-Morrow.

POPULAR VISITOR TO PREACH

Rev. Jacob Weidman to Be Heard at Grace Street Presbyterian Church.

The Christmas music will be repeated to-morrow at the Church of the Holy Comforter. The evening service at 4 o'clock will be especially beautiful. The large chorus choir will be assisted by several of the best singers of the city, and the service will be fully choral. Miss Grace Greenwood, who has been studying for several years in New York, and who is conceded to have one of the best-trained and most alto voices in the city, will sing at the evening service the solo, "O Rest in the Lord," from the oratorio "Elphaz."

Mrs. Julia Lynch, the well-known soprano, will also assist. The regular quartet of the church consists of Miss O. Isaac, soprano; Miss G. Mallonee, alto; Mr. J. O. Sale, Jr., tenor; Mr. A. Creech, bass. Following is the program: Processional hymn, No. 66, "All My Heart This Night Implores"; Gloria Patri (Sole in D); Cantata Domino (Bridge-water in A); Deus Misereatur (Bridge-water in A); anthem, "O Rest in the Lord"; solo (Miss G. Greenwood); hymn, No. 66, "All My Heart This Night Implores"; "The Christmas Carol," offertory, "The First Christmas" (Barby in C); benediction hymn, No. 55, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; recessional hymn, No. 49, "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

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MILITARY AFFAIRS

The military companies of the Seventh Regiment will get down to work with the first day of January. Company E having a drill that night. Thereafter the army will be busy almost every night with drill, meetings and entertainments.

Colonel William J. Perry, commanding regiment, had expected to visit the Richmond armory and the officers were officially last week, but was prevented from doing so by pressure of other business. He is expected here in a week or two, and will meet the officers of the command.

The members of Company A presented to Captain E. M. Hardy, of that command, a handsome Morris chair as a Christmas remembrance, expressing their esteem and regard. The presentation was made by Captain Griggs and the gift was received by the captain in a grateful manner.

After the drill of Company F, on January 1st, the members of the company will be entertained in the company room by a debate, in which Captain Stone and Lieutenant Herbert will be the speakers. The subject is one of peculiar interest to military men.

The officers of Companies A and B of the Richmond Light Infantry, Brien Battalion, are expected to be called soon to elect a major to command the battalion, and to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major L. I. Chestnut.

Company C will have its first regular drill of the New Year on January 7th. At that time some of the members of the company will be made arrangements for a smoker to be had a week later.

Plans are under consideration for several social entertainments at the armory during the remainder of the winter, such as hope, smokers, amusements and musical gatherings. The soldier boys are getting as much pleasure as possible out of their service.

Gray—Varn.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WALKERTON, Va., December 28.—At "Westwood," today, Miss Marion Varn, the daughter of Mr. Henry A. Varn, became the bride of Mr. Lawrence Gray, of this place. Miss Blanche Varn, the sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor, and Mr. Golden Gray, of Cincinnati, O., was best man.

The following were attendants: Miss Woodley Broadhead, of Millers; Miss Lane, of Eastwood; Miss Sally Penn Gregory, of King William; Miss John Eubank, of Millers; Miss Minnie Sizer, of King William; Messrs. Pitt and William Sizer, of Millers; Messrs. Gray and Hansen Gregory.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gray left for a Northern trip, after which they will make their home at this place, where the groom is connected with several business interests.

Swisher—Fox.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STUART, Va., December 28.—Calvary Methodist Church, South, presented a very pretty appearance today, as it had been decorated with Christmas colors for the marriage of Mr. Edward Swisher, of Staunton, and Miss Mary Fox, of Staunton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. S. Cox, in the presence of a large number of friends of both parties. The maid of honor was Miss Mary Fox, sister of the bride, and the best man was Mr. Newton Swisher. The bridesmaids were Misses Edna Swisher and Miss Edna Fox; groomsmen were Mr. Clinton Cox and Mr. E. C. Keller.

The flower girls were Misses Lalla Mitchell and Rubie Newman. After partaking of a beautiful dinner at the home of the bride, the happy couple left for Staunton.

Minister's Bride.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 28.—Rev. J. T. Moore, of Clover, Halifax county, and Miss Thelma Tyler Davis, of this city, were quietly married here today at the bride's home, by Rev. W. Ashbury Christian, Paul Davis, the giant tackle of Dickinson College football team, brother of the bride, was best man.

Harris—Fitzhugh.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 28.—Charles Harris and Miss Maria Fitzhugh, both of King George county, were married in that county a few days ago. Rev. H. H. Fones officiating.

Smith—Fleming.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 28.—Richard T. Smith, of Stafford county, and Miss Mary L. Fleming, daughter of Oscar Fleming, of this city, were married here last night at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. J. H. Light, of the Methodist Church, performing the ceremony.

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Dodson—Terry.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LAUREL GROVE, Va., December 28.—Laurel Grove Baptist Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday, when Miss Mabel M. Dodson became the bride of Mr. J. Howard Terry, of Piedmont, Va.

The church was beautifully decorated with running cedar, ivy and other evergreens, and lighted with myriads of small candles and lamps with red shades, casting a rosy glow over the scene.

The bride, who never appeared more beautiful, carried white carnations and asparagus ferns, and was dressed in white chiffon, with bridal veil caught with white forget-me-nots. She was attended by Miss Janie Terry as maid of honor.

The bridesmaids were Misses Mabel M. Dodson, of Laurel Grove, and Misses Mabel M. Dodson, of Laurel Grove, and Misses Mabel M. Dodson, of Laurel Grove.

The groomsmen were Messrs. Thomas Campbell, Mason, Dubney, Governor, Chennault and Peter Fox. The other attendants were Misses Mattie Cocks, with Mr. Moore; Abraham; Miss Minnie Abraham; with Mr. Curtis Green; Miss Jennie Dubney, with Mr. Lewis Dodson, of Hanover county, and cousin of the groom; Miss Bessie Moran, with Mr. W. T. Abraham; Miss Susie Dubney, with Mr. C. H. Dodson, brother of the groom, and Miss Emily Cocks, with Mr. Fleetwood Moran.

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